

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A procurement system comprising:
 - a ~~first application system including a first set of data~~ network;
 - a ~~second application system including a second set of data~~ product data management module coupled to said network;
 - a ~~first server~~ knowledge management module coupled to said ~~first and second application systems~~ network, said knowledge management module including a central repository database;
 - a ~~central repository~~ requisition application system coupled to said ~~server~~ and capable of integrating said ~~first and second sets of data to create a central repository set of data~~ network; and
 - wherein said ~~first and second application systems are programmed in a first format and said central repository is programmed in a second format~~ a job specification that is created in said product management module;
 - vendor information that is created in said central repository database of said knowledge management module; and
 - engineering records that are created in said central repository database of said knowledge management module.
2. (Currently Amended) The procurement system of claim 1, ~~further comprising: a first table located between said first and second databases and said first server and configured to pass commands between said first and second application systems and said first server~~ wherein said network is a global network.
3. (Currently Amended) The procurement system of claim 2, ~~further comprising: an administrator server coupled to said first server and configured~~

~~to continue operation when the central repository is disabled~~ wherein said network is a local network.

4. (Currently Amended) The procurement system of claim 2, ~~further comprising: a third application system including a third set of data; a second table coupled to said third application system and configured to received commands from said third application system; and a second server coupled to said second table and configured to receive commands from said second table~~ wherein said network is a local network comprising a local area network or a token-ring network or an Ethernet network.

5. (Currently Amended) The procurement system of claim 1, wherein said ~~first server is configured to operate in an object oriented programming language~~ knowledge management module includes an engineering records center.

6. (Currently Amended) The procurement system of claim 5, wherein said ~~object oriented programming language is Java®~~ knowledge management module includes a vendor authorization center.

7. (Currently Amended) The procurement system of claim 1, ~~further comprising: a web server coupled to said central repository and configured to post uniform resource locators on a network which connect to said central repository set of data~~ wherein said requisition application system includes an online requisition system.

8. (Currently Amended) The procurement system of claim 1, including a website coupled to said network and wherein said ~~first server is located in a first database in said first application system~~ job specification is posted on said website.

9. (Currently Amended) The system of claim ~~3~~ 1, including a website coupled to said network and wherein said ~~administrator server is located in a~~

~~first database in said first application system~~ vendor information is posted on said website.

10. (Currently Amended) The procurement system of claim 3 ~~1~~, ~~further comprising: an administrator commands table coupled said administrator server and configured to pass commands between said administrator server and said first table~~ including a website coupled to said network and wherein said job specification and said vendor information are posted on said website.

11. (Currently Amended) The procurement system of claim 1, ~~further comprising: a~~ wherein said central repository database includes an application programming interface API which is designed to allow the first server to pass said first and second sets of data to said central repository controls access to said engineering records.

12. (Currently Amended) The procurement system of claim 1, wherein said ~~first application~~ requisition application system includes online ordering information and said ~~second application system~~ includes vendor information.

13. (Currently Amended) The procurement system of claim 4 ~~1~~, wherein said ~~third application system~~ includes engineering records central repository database includes a central repository database management program.

14. (Currently Amended) The procurement system of claim 1, wherein said central repository database includes ~~is designed to operate under~~ a central repository database management program that is a collaborative environment software program.

15. (Original) The procurement system of claim 14, wherein said central repository database management program is Livelink®.

16. (Currently Amended) A ~~method~~ procurement system comprising:
~~creating a first set of data in a first application system;~~
~~creating a second set of data in a second application system;~~

~~passing said first and second sets of data to a first server which is configured to run an object broker;~~

~~passing said first and second sets of data from said first server to a central repository; and~~

~~integrating said first and second sets of data in said central repository database to form a central repository set of data~~

a network;

product data management means coupled to said network;

knowledge management means coupled to said network, said knowledge management means including a central repository database;

requisition application means coupled to said network;

a job specification that is created in said product management means;

vendor information that is created in said central repository database of said knowledge management means; and

engineering records that are created in said central repository database of said knowledge management means.

17. (Currently Amended) The ~~method~~ procurement system of claim 16, further comprising: ~~passing from said first application system said first set of data to a first table; and passing said first set of data from said first table to said first server~~ wherein said network is a global network.

18. (Currently Amended) The ~~method~~ procurement system of claim 16, further comprising: ~~creating URLs in a webserver which connect to said central repository set of data~~ wherein said network is a local network comprising a local area network or a token-ring network or an Ethernet network.

19. (Currently Amended) The ~~method~~ procurement system of claim 16, further comprising: ~~accessing said central repository set of data from a web server; and displaying said central repository set of data on a website coupled to~~

said network and wherein said job specification and said vendor information are posted on said website.

20. (Currently Amended) The ~~method~~ procurement system of claim 16, wherein said central repository database includes application programming interface API protocols are used to pass said first and second sets of data from said first server to said central repository database which controls access to said engineering records.

21. (Currently Amended) The ~~method~~ procurement system of claim 17 16, wherein said ~~first and second set of data are passed to said first table in the form of a first set of commands and parameters~~ knowledge management means includes an engineering records center.

22. (Currently Amended) The ~~method~~ procurement system of claim 16, further comprising: ~~passing a third set of data from a third application system to a second server; passing said third set of data from said second server to said central repository; and integrating said third set of data with said central repository set of data to modify said central repository set of data~~ a website coupled to said network and wherein said job specification is posted on said website.

23. (Currently Amended) The ~~method~~ procurement system of claim 22 16, further comprising: ~~passing a fourth set of data from a fourth application system to a third server; passing said fourth set of data from said third server to said central repository; and integrating said fourth set of data with said central repository set of data to modify said central repository set of data~~ wherein said requisition application means includes an online requisition system.

24. (Currently Amended) The ~~method~~ procurement system of claim 17 16, further comprising: ~~polling said first table by said first server~~ wherein said

central repository database includes a central repository database management program that is a collaborative environment software program.

25. (Cancelled)

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